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Valeria McCullough Murphey

Search Committee Interviewing Presidential Nominees

Since the resignation of former President Fred W. Hicks to become Chancellor of Coastal Carolina College in Myrtle Beach, SC, the Presidential Search Committee has reviewed and evaluated more than 180 nominations for the presidency of Wesleyan.

Appointed in mid-March, the Trustees Search Committee is comprised of Mrs. Valeria McCullough Murphey, '48, chairman of the Committee; Frank Jones, chairman of the Board of Trustees; Mrs. Elsie Lowden Hambricht, '34; William A. Fickling, Jr.; Lovick Corn; and Jack Rogers. Randolph Thrower, former chairman of the Board, and Joel D. McDavid, Bishop of the North and South Georgia Conferences of the United Methodist Church are serving as consultants.

Five advisory committees representing the faculty, administration, alumnae, students, and Board of Associates meet regularly to review resumes and applications. These committee chairmen, Miss Ann Munck, '38; Mrs. Rose Mary McKelvey, '77; Mrs. Jeanette Lang,

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Dr. Frederick Wilson Named Acting President

Frank C. Jones, Chairman of the Wesleyan College Board of Trustees, has announced the appointment of Dr. J. Frederick Wilson as Acting President of Wesleyan.

Assistant to the President for Church Relations since 1980, Dr. Wilson has been a member of the College's Board of Trustees for more than 20 years. As Assistant to the President, he worked closely with the president in sustaining Christian education programs on the campus, and in promoting a close association between Wesleyan and the United Methodist Church. He also served as Professor of Religion and Philosophy.

"Dr. Wilson is well known and highly respected by all of Wesleyan's constituencies," said Mr. Jones. "His presence on campus, and his wise leadership and good judgment will help to provide both the continuity and the vitality that will be particularly needed as we begin the new academic year. Dr. Wilson's leadership as president will be extremely valuable during the interim before a permanent successor is selected."

"I am honored to be trusted with this responsibility and am pleased to serve Wesleyan in this capacity," commented Dr. Wilson. "During this interim, I will join with the faculty and staff to make this a good year for Wesleyan and to have everything in the best possible order for the new president."

In June 1980, Dr. Wilson retired from the South Georgia Conference of the United Methodist Church after 42 years of service. He has held pastorates at St. Paul Methodist in Columbus, First Methodist in Albany, and at churches in Statesboro, Tennille, and Jeffersonville. In Macon, he was pastor of Vineville United Methodist Church.



Dr. J. Frederick Wilson

Four times elected a delegate to the General Conference of the Methodist Church, Dr. Wilson also has served as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Methodist Children's Home in Macon. He was a chaplain in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

After graduating from Camilla High School in Camilla, Georgia, Dr. Wilson attended Emory University where he received his bachelor of arts degree in 1935. In 1938, he received his bachelor of divinity degree from the Candler School of Theology. That same year, he became a minister in the South Georgia Conference of the United Methodist Church. In 1961, he received a doctorate of divinity degree from Emory University.

His mother, the late Nell Whitling Wilson, was a member of the class of 1911 at Wesleyan. Dr. Wilson and his wife Henry Kate have three daughters—Victoria, Margaret, and Katherine—who were Green Knights graduating from Wesleyan in 1960, 1964, and 1968.

EDWARD EIKNER, *Comer Professor of Fine Arts*, JOHN O'STEEN, *Hightower Associate Professor of Music*, and NANCY DYES, *instructor of music*, were all instructors for the piano clinic held at Wesleyan in June.



Faculty Notes

Faculty Appointments:

NANCY MARIE NUNN of Spokane, Wash., has been named Assistant Professor of Chemistry. Dr. Nunn, a cum laude graduate of Mississippi University for Women, received her M.A.T. from Mississippi State University, and earned her Ph.D. in chemistry from the University of South Carolina. At present, she is visiting assistant professor at Gonzaga University in Spokane where she teaches general chemistry laboratory, physical chemistry lab and intermediate algebra. She is a member of the American Chemical Society, Sigma Xi, and Phi Kappa Phi.

JOHN SCOTT HEWITT of Logan, Utah, has been named Assistant Professor of Education. A graduate of State University of New York in Plattsburgh, he received his master of science in elementary education from Indiana University in Fort Wayne, and his Ed.D. from Ball State University. He is currently assistant professor of education at Utah State University where he has taught graduate and undergraduate classes in early childhood education, elementary education and reading. He also has been an elementary school teacher.

He is a member of the National Association for the Education of Young Children, the International Reading Association and the Council for Exceptional Children, among many other organizations.

JOSEPH A. ISKRA, JR., of Nashville, Tenn., has been named Assistant Professor of Mathematics. A graduate of Florida Southern College in Lakeland, he received his master of science and Ph.D. degrees from Vanderbilt University.

He currently is a full-time math instructor at Aquinas Junior College in Nashville. He is a member of the American Mathematical Society.

SCOTT C. DUCE of Boston has been named Assistant Professor of Art. A native of Salt Lake City, Utah, he received his bachelor of fine arts degree from the University of Utah with emphasis on painting and drawing, and his master of fine arts degree from Boston University. He has received scholarships for his work in arts, and won best in show in 1980 at the University of Utah Juried Student Exhibit. He is a teaching assistant at Boston University. He has participated in both national and regional art exhibitions.

MARTINE FANCOISE CREMERS of Tallahassee, Fla., has been named Instructor of Romance Languages. Ms. Cremers, born in Bordeaux, France, received a baccalaureate degree in secondary education in Bordeaux, studied fine arts at Sir John Cass College in London, and received a bachelor's degree in English with a minor in Spanish and French from the University of Bordeaux. She holds a master's degree in French from the University of Wyoming in Laramie, and is a Ph.D candidate in multilingual-multicultural education at Florida State University in Tallahassee. She has been a teaching assistant in the department of modern languages at Florida State.

Ms. Cremers is a member of the American Translators Association, the American Council on Teaching of Foreign Languages and the Alliance Francaise of Tallahassee.

SANDRA FANNING BALDWIN of Winter Haven, Fla., has been

named Associate Professor of Speech Communications. She holds bachelors and masters degrees from the University of South Florida in Tampa, and a Ph.D. in communication theory from Florida State University.

Dr. Baldwin has taught at Western Illinois University in Macomb, and was director and associate professor of the communication program at Sangamon State University in Springfield, Ill., from 1979-1982. She is listed in "Personalities of the South", Dictionary of International Biography, and Who's Who in Women in the World.

She is a member of the Southern Speech Communication Association, the American Association of University Professors, and the International Communication Association, among other organizations.

WESLEY J. GREEN of Angola, Indiana, has been named Assistant Professor of Business Administration. He received his masters of business administration degree from Youngstown State University, and is currently assistant professor of transportation in the Tri-State University School of Business in Angola. He is a member of Phi Kappa Phi honor society and Midwest Marketing Association.

BETTY GRAHAM SHEWFELT of Forsyth, Ga., has been named Assistant Librarian. She received a bachelor of science in psychology from Clemson University, a masters in experimental psychology from the University of South Carolina and a masters of library science from Florida State University.

Prior to joining the Wesleyan faculty, she was reference librarian at Fort Valley State College.

A postdoctoral associate with Professor Lauren M. Tolbert at the University of Kentucky, DR. MELEDATH GOVINDAN, Associate Professor of Chemistry, is working this summer on a project involving photochemistry of nucleic acid bases and nucleotides. He also attended the 28th National Organic Symposium in Bozeman, Montana.

In an effort to learn more about teaching methods, DR. SYLVIA ROSS, Professor of Music, is attending the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga to study Kodaly Methods. Kodaly was one of the most influential composers with regards to teaching. He emphasized the creativity of the teacher, and advocated the use of folk music to teach children to read music.

Dr. Ross also attended a church music and religious retreat at Montreat in North Carolina in June.

TONY RICE, Comer Associate Professor of Painting and Drawing, is working on a two-part summer project. He will complete a series of drawings of the human figure entitled "Nocturn." The figures will be incorporated into a set of movements which interplay with other images in the night environment. He also is studying in depth the collection of prints and drawings at the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C. The collection is dedicated to the presentation of a retrospective of prints and drawings from art of Western Civilization.

Mr. Rice also has been named chairman of the Art Department at Wesleyan for the 1983-84 year.

Speaking only French 24-hours a day, DR. DWIGHT LANGSTON, Associate Professor of Modern Languages, is attending the Intensive Summer Language Institute in French at the University of Louisville. He will earn six hours of graduate credit by taking French Oral Practice, The Contemporary Life of French-Speaking Peoples and Applied Linguistics in French, during the four-week institute.

DR. MARCILE TAYLOR, Guerry Associate Professor of History and Economics, has just returned from Washington, D.C., where she was conducting research examining antiwar arguments concerning the

Vietnam War. While in Washington, Dr. Taylor interviewed J. William Fulbright, a chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee during the war. She also researched material on the Fulbright hearings at the Library of Congress and interviewed Washington Post columnist Haynes Johnson, author of **Fulbright the Dissenter**.

Her ongoing research will include a cross-section of opponents to the war, including journalist Walter Lippmann, James M. Gavin of the military, political cartoonists, folk musicians and others.

Associate Professor of Music, DR. FLETCHER ANDERSON, attended the International Symposium on Gregorian Chant at Catholic University in Washington, D.C. recently. In May he conducted a choral clinic at Mundy's Mill Junior High School in Jonesboro, Ga., and attended the Georgia Music Council spring meeting in Atlanta. He was organizer for the South Georgia Conference at Wesleyan in June, and he attended a church music workshop at Birmingham Southern College in July. Dr. Anderson also has been elected to the executive committee of the Macon Chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

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'61; Miss Mary Ann Cunningham; '84; and Alan Neal, meet with the Trustees Search Committee to bring recommendations and suggestions before the Committee.

After evaluating the nominations received this spring, the Search Committee held preliminary interviews in Atlanta with 12 presidential candidates during June. Three of the candidates have already been brought to campus for extensive interviews with all of Wesleyan's constituencies. Further campus interviews are being scheduled.

Mrs. Murphey reports, "Our Committee is dedicated to finding the individual who will best meet Wesleyan's needs and aspirations."

When the candidate is selected, the Committee will make a recommendation to the Board of Trustees which will make the final decision.

Celebrate at Wesleyan 1983-

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11:15 a.m., Porter Auditorium

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15

Georgia Writers Series

3 p.m., Hinton Lounge

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moner to stand in at the coronation. Deborah Kerr also stars.

7:30 p.m., Taylor Amphitheatre.

OCTOBER

5

Classic Film Series, "Two-Faced Woman" (1941)

7:30 p.m., Taylor Amphitheatre.

6, 7 & 8

Theatre Production, "The Mongoose Always Wins", a children's play by Michael D. McKinney. Set in a pseudo-medieval land, the story is of a contest to win the hand of a beautiful princess. The play boasts an assortment of characters, including a klutzy prince, a goonish dragon, an insulting king and a villainous Black Cobra. Written by Wesleyan student Michael McKinney.

8 p.m., Porter Auditorium, \$1.50

12

Classic Film Series, "For Me and My Gal" (1942)

Gene Kelly makes his film debut in this musical about a Vaudeville couple during World War I. Judy Garland and George Murphy sing along.

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Georgia Writers Series

3 p.m., Hinton Lounge

17 & 18

Belk Lecture Series

Theodore Runyon, Professor of Systematic Theology, Emory University

17

"John Wesley and Human Liberation"

8 p.m., Benson Room

18

"John Wesley and Women's Rights"

11:15 a.m., Porter Auditorium

19

Classic Film Series, "DuBarry Was A Lady" (1943)

7:30 p.m., Taylor Amphitheatre

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Classic Film Series, "Theatre of Blood" (1973)

The perfect Halloween thriller stars Vincent Price as a Shakespearean actor spurned by eight London critics. He hatches a grisly plot to murder them, reenacting eight famous Shakespearean death scenes.

7:30 p.m., Taylor Amphitheatre

NOVEMBER

2

Classic Film Series, "The Toast of New Orleans" (1950)

3

Georgia Writers Series

3 p.m., Hinton Lounge

9

Classic Film Series, "The Wrong Box" (1966)

Peter Sellers is an elderly man whose brother shares claim to the family fortune. Both brothers try to eliminate each other in the black-humored Victorian comedy written by Robert Louis Stevenson and stepson Louis Osborne. Michael Caine, Dudley Moore also star.

10, 11 & 12

Theatre production, "The Real Queen of Hearts Ain't Even Pretty", by Brad Bailey.

The second Wesleyan production written by Alabama playwright Bailey is a behind-the-scenes look at a high school beauty pageant. The play is hilarious, caustic and contemporary, giving insight into the lives of the characters.

8 p.m., Porter Auditorium, \$3.

15

"Dance Alive"

Ten dancers from the Southern Arts Federation Touring Co., will perform a variety of dances from classic ballet to jazz.

7:30 p.m., Porter Auditorium

DECEMBER

4

Glee Club Christmas Concert

3 p.m., Porter Auditorium

JANUARY

19

Georgia Writers Series
3 p.m., Hinton Lounge

FEBRUARY

9, 10 & 11

Theatre production, "A Delicate Balance", by Edward Albee. This Pulitzer Prize-winning play tells the story of a middle-aged couple whose marriage has drifted loose. Enter their best friends who come to live with them and a daughter who returns home at the end of her fourth marriage. The cast experiences the "delicate balance" between sanity and madness by the story's end.

8 p.m., Porter Auditorium, \$3

MARCH 2 & 3

STUNT

Each class presents an original 30-minute musical which they have written, choreographed and directed. Stunt was begun as "class night" in 1897.

APRIL 3 & 4

Lamar Lecture Series

Dr. John S. Ried, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill will discuss "Leisure in the South"

6, 7 & 8

Alumnae Weekend

5, 6 & 7

Theatre production, "Monique", by Dorothy and Michael Bankfort. Monique ensnares Fernard who is married to Lucienne who won't divorce him. The perfect crime is planned and executed, but the solution to the puzzle has a double twist guaranteed to astound the audience.

8 p.m., Porter Auditorium, \$3

17

Honors Day Convocation

11:15 a.m., Porter Auditorium

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Commencement

10 a.m., Porter Auditorium



Dr. Theodore Runyon

Dr. Theodore Runyon to Present Belk Lectures

Dr. Theodore H. Runyon, professor of systematic theology at Emory University in Atlanta, will present the 1983-84 Belk Lecture Series at Wesleyan College Oct. 17 and 18.

He will address "John Wesley and Human Liberation" at 8 p.m. Oct. 17 in the Benson Room on the Wesleyan campus; Runyon will continue with "John Wesley and Women's Rights" at 11:15 a.m. Oct. 18 in Porter Auditorium.

Runyon, who has lectured throughout the United States and in Europe, received a B.A. degree from Lawrence University in Appleton, Wis., a B.D. degree from Drew University in Madison, N.J., and a Ph.D. in Theology from the University of Gottingen in Germany. In addition to his professorship, he is director of Methodist and Ecumenical Studies at Emory.

Runyon is editor of three books, **What the Spirit is Saying to the Churches, Hope for the Church: Moltmann in Dialogue with Practical Theology and Sanctification and Liberation.**

His many articles have appeared in theological periodicals such as **The Christian Advocate, Der Methodist and The Christian Century.**

In 1955, he was the recipient of a Fulbright Fellowship, and he was named among Outstanding Educators of America in 1975. In 1973, Runyon received the Emory Williams Award for Distinguished Teaching at the Graduate and Professional Level. He is a member of the American Academy of Religion, and was chairman in 1982-83 of a working group on Wesleyan studies of the Academy.

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